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SUBJECT: SOUTH ASIA COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE

REF: COLOMBO 3555

FOR: AMBASSADOR VAN HOLLEN FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARIES OF STATE SOBER AND BILLER AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HOSTLER

1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO HOST THE SOUTH ASIA
COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO, APRIL 6-8.
SIMILAR CONFERENCES IN THE PAST HAVE PROVEN EXTREMELY
VALUABLE IN ENABLING STATE AND COMMERCE TO KEEP OFFICERS
IN THE FIELD INFORMED OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
COMMERCIAL PROGRAM AND ELICIT FEEDBACK ESSENTIAL FOR
EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT.

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2. WE HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE HOST SMALL RECEPTION EVENING
APRIL 5 THAT EMBASSY HAS OFFERED TO HOLD FOR CONFERENCE

PARTICIPANTS FOR WARM-UP, GET-ACQUAINTED PURPOSES. WE
ALSO HOPE T'AT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO OPEN THE CONFERENCE

AND WELCOME THE PARTICIPANTS TUESDAY MORNING,
APRIL 6. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY PLACED YOU ON THE AGENDA AT
THAT TIME.

3. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CONFERENCE. KISSINGER

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